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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO H.E. HAFEZ AL-ASAD FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC MY WARMEST BEST WISHES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ON THE BLESSED OCCASION OF THE ID AL-FITR. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE COMING YEAR WILL FURTHER ENHANCE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE PURSUIT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. MAY THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA ABOUND. WITH BEST REGARDS, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. HABIB

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